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CHAMBERS OF JUDGE SIDNEY H. STEIN U.S.D.J.		

MEMO ENDORSED

Re: United States v. Martin Rivlin
07 Cr. 524 (SHS)

Dear Judge Stein:

I write on behalf of my client, Martin Rivlin, to request a temporary modification of Mr. Rivlin's travel restrictions to permit him to travel to China to participate in an academic conference from May 22 to June 2, 2008 (Conference Invitation Attached). Mr. Rivlin voluntarily surrendered on July 9, 2007, on an indictment charging him with having committed pension fraud. He was released on his own recognizance. The only restrictions placed on his release were that his passport be in my custody and that he limit his travel to the United States, absent specific permission to travel overseas.

While I understand that travel to China is unusual for a defendant, there is no risk of flight in this case. Mr. Rivlin is a 66-year old U.S. citizen with no criminal history whose entire family lives in the United States. He is enrolled as a graduate student at Columbia University and has a teaching position at CUNY. Indeed, he has to be back in the States on June 2, 2008 so that he can administer a final exam at CUNY on June 4, 2008. Even were every penny the Government charged him with to be counted in calculating his Guidelines, Mr. Rivlin still falls in a probationary range. From the start, beginning with the civil action filed against him years ago by the pension fund, Mr. Rivlin has accepted responsibility for his actions, asking only for a fair payment plan, given his indigency. At this time, Mr. Rivlin's case is being held in abeyance pending the Government's interlocutory appeal of this Court's partial dismissal of the Indictment. The Government has indicated that it intends to withdraw the appeal. Once the appeal is formally withdrawn, Mr. Rivlin plans to plead guilty to the portion of the Indictment that remains, and is willing to do so at the Court's convenience. He has no incentive to become a fugitive in order to avoid probation, and his every action has indicated that he will appear in Court.

If he is permitted to travel to China, we will provide the Government with copies of his round-trip plane tickets, and his lodging arrangements. He will return his passport to me as soon as he returns to the United States.

*Def's to leave copies of his
plane tickets + contact
information with the govt.*

*4/25/08
So ordered
Sidney H. Stein
SDS*

Honorable Sidney H. Stein
U.S. District Judge
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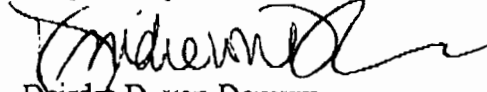
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I have spoken to Assistant U.S. Attorney Chi T. Kwok concerning this matter, and he has indicated that the Government takes no position on Mr. Rivlin's request to travel to China.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should further information be useful. Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If this request meets with Your Honor's approval, I ask that this letter be endorsed as an order permitting Mr. Rivlin to travel on the conditions set forth above.

Respectfully Submitted



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cc: A.U.S.A. Chi T. Kwok (via facsimile)

SO ORDERED. 4/24/08



SIDNEY H. STEIN
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

世界政治经济学学会
World Association for Political Economy

April 3, 2008

Dear MARTIN RIVLIN,

I would like to extend an official invitation to you to attend the third forum of the World Association for Political Economy (WAPE) on *Marxism and Sustainable Development*, to be held on May 24-25, 2008 at Langfang City, China, which will be hosted by the Academy of Marxism, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), the School of Economics and Management, Tsinghua University, and the U.S. journal *Nature, Society, and Thought*. The registration date is May 23, 2008.

All the expenses during the conference such as travel, lodging, sightseeing expenses and conference fee will be covered by the participants.

I am greatly looking forward to meeting you at Langfang City, China!

Yours sincerely,

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